



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL RICHARD L. ANDERSON II



Colonel Richard L. Anderson II is commandant of the Air and Space Basic Course, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

In this selectively manned unit, he is responsible for inspiring newly commissioned lieutenants to comprehend their role as airmen. He equips his staff to instruct and mentor these new officers in air and space power, history and doctrine. He instills a sense of dedication to ethical behavior and Air Force core values in both his instructor staff and their students.

Colonel Anderson graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1980 and received his commission from the Officer Training School. He has held a variety of assignments in operations and training positions. He is a master navigator with more than 2,300 flying hours in the F-4E/G and training aircraft.

EDUCATION:

- 1980 Bachelor of science in biology, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 1985 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1985 Marine Corp Command and Staff (by correspondence)
- 1987 Master of arts in national security studies, University of California at San Bernadino
- 1993 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2001 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1980, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. 1981-1982, student, F-4 replacement training unit, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.
3. 1982-1985, F-4E instructor weapons system officer, wing electronic warfare officer, 337th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
4. 1985-1987, F-4G instructor electronic warfare officer, 563rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, George Air Force Base, Calif.
5. 1987-1988, ASTRA officer, HQUSAF/INXYYE, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
6. 1988-1992, F-4G instructor electronic warfare officer; chief, weapons and tactics; flight commander; wing executive officer; and chief, F-4G standardization and evaluation Branch, 23rd Fighter Squadron, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
7. 1992-1993, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. 1993-1995, faculty instructor and chief, residence evaluations, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
9. 1995-1998, assistant operations officer; special assistant to the wing commander; and chief, wing safety, 558th Flying Training Squadron, 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
10. 1998- 2000, executive officer and commanding officer, Training Squadron TEN, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.
11. 2000- 2001, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
12. 2001- 2002, JTF-SWA director of combat plans, Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
13. 2002-present, commandant, Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: 2,363

Aircraft flown: F-4D/E/G, T-43A, T-1A, T-39, T-34

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Distinguished Flying Cross

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor and two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness with two oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Nov. 18, 1980
First Lieutenant	Nov. 18, 1982
Captain	Nov. 18, 1984
Major	Feb. 1, 1993
Lieutenant Colonel	Dec. 1, 1997
Colonel	March 1, 2003

(Current as of June 2003)